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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 1

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR NOVEMBER 1

ON KOREA - SECRET AGREEMENT:

QUESTION: THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE TODAY STATES THAT A
SECRET AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND KOREA
IN 1971 UNDER WHICH THE US WOULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY
INCREASED PL 480 COMMODITIES AND OTHER ECONOMIC ASSIS-
TANCE IN RETURN FOR KOREA'S LIMITING ITS TEXTILE EXPORTS
TO THE US. CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS AND WHY IS SUCH AN
AGREEMENT SECRET?

ANSWER: IN 1971, AMBASSADOR AT LARGE DAVID KENNEDY
NEGOTIATED AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT
UNDER WHICH THE KOREANS UNDERTOOK TO VOLUNTARILY RESTRAIN
THEIR TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IN RETURN, THE U.S.
AGREED TO PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE NORMAL CONGRESSIONAL
APPROPRIATION PROCESS AND STANDARD LOAN CRITERIA, 100
MILLION DOLLARS IN DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND SUBSTANTIALLY
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INCREASED PL 480 COMMODITIES OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD.

THIS UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN CONSIDERABLE

DETAIL WITH THE CONGRESS AND HAS BEEN OVER THE YEARS
THE SUBJECT OF PRESS REPORTS AS WELL.

2. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON THE PL 480 STORY AT THE
NOON BRIEFING. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ONGOING JUSTICE
DEPT INVESTIGATION WERE ANSWERED ALONG THE LINES OF
PREVIOUS PRESS GUIDANCE.

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